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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Executive Committee of NSC - Saturday
November 3, 1962 - 4:30 p.m.

Attended by all members

Also in attendance:

Ambassador Stevenson, McCloy, Yost and several of their staff
from the United Nations.

The President opened the meeting, stating the purpose was to clearly
outline U.S. policy to be sure "all were on the same wave length".

McCone then read a November 3rd memorandum summarizing
intelligence information - copy attached. The President requested this
memorandum which he expressed as being very comprehensive be
sanitized for use in further negotiations and discussions with the Soviets.

Secretary Rusk emphasized the dangers of deception.

The President then read a draft of his instructions to all concerned
with present negotiations in Cuba, a November 3rd copy of which is attached.

There followed a long discussion of various means of verification,
the importance of ground inspection, the dangers of deception and the
difficult question of verifying that this operation would not be repeated at
some future time. Included in these discussions were the disposition of
the IL 28s, the manning and ultimate disposition of the SAM sites, the
MIG 21 problem and most particularly the responsibilities to the OAS
countries to make suitable arrangements for their protection against
continuation of subversion, insurgency, sabotage, etc. stemming out of Cuba.

Preparation for the McCloy, Kuznetsov meeting on November 4th -
CIA arranged sanitized versions of a number of points covered in the
attached memorandum of 3 November. This information was developed
over night and on Sunday morning early Mr. Sheldon and others visited
Mr. McCloy in Stanford, Connecticut and briefed him thoroughly on all
subjects.

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At about 11 o'clock McCone talked with McCloy who expressed appreciation for the briefing and seemed satisfied that he was armed with all necessary information to carry on his talks with Kuznetsov.

In the evening, Rusk called McCone, stating that Kuznetsov had indicated a willingness to have us look at the crates of the large missiles and that there were 42 missiles in Cuba. He asked that CIA study all pertinent data in the interests of verifying this figure. It will be recalled that CIA estimate had run to a probable 48 missiles in Cuba. McCone called Sheldon who agreed to study this matter.

In the discussion with McCloy, McCone was advised that Kuznetsov would agree that we could inspect and photograph a number of crates on board ship as they departed from Havana; the crates would be deck loaded so that they would be readily visual from a ship pulling alongside, or from the air; however we would not be permitted to board the ships. Apparently Kuznetsov did not feel he could arrange on-site inspection within Cuba.

Apparently Kuznetsov confirmed that there were a total of 40 launchers (10 sites) and that 24 launchers were operational at the time the whole matter was surfaced.

McCloy stated that Kuznetsov was non-responsive with respect to the operation of the SAM sites, to the withdrawal of the SAM sites, withdrawal of the IL 28s and the MIGs were not mentioned. Full telegraphic report is due 11:05.

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